

ENDOCRINE CLINICAL EXAMINATION

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- Before you begin the **physical examination**, take time to prepare for the tasks ahead...

Preparing for the Physical Examination

- ▮ Reflect on your approach to the patient.
- ▮ Adjust the lighting and the environment.
- ▮ Check your equipment.
- ▮ Make the patient comfortable.
- ▮ Choose the sequence of examination.

- Organize your comprehensive or focused examination around three general goals:
 - Maximize the patient's comfort.
 - Avoid unnecessary changes in position.
 - Enhance clinical efficiency.
- In general, move from “head to toe.”

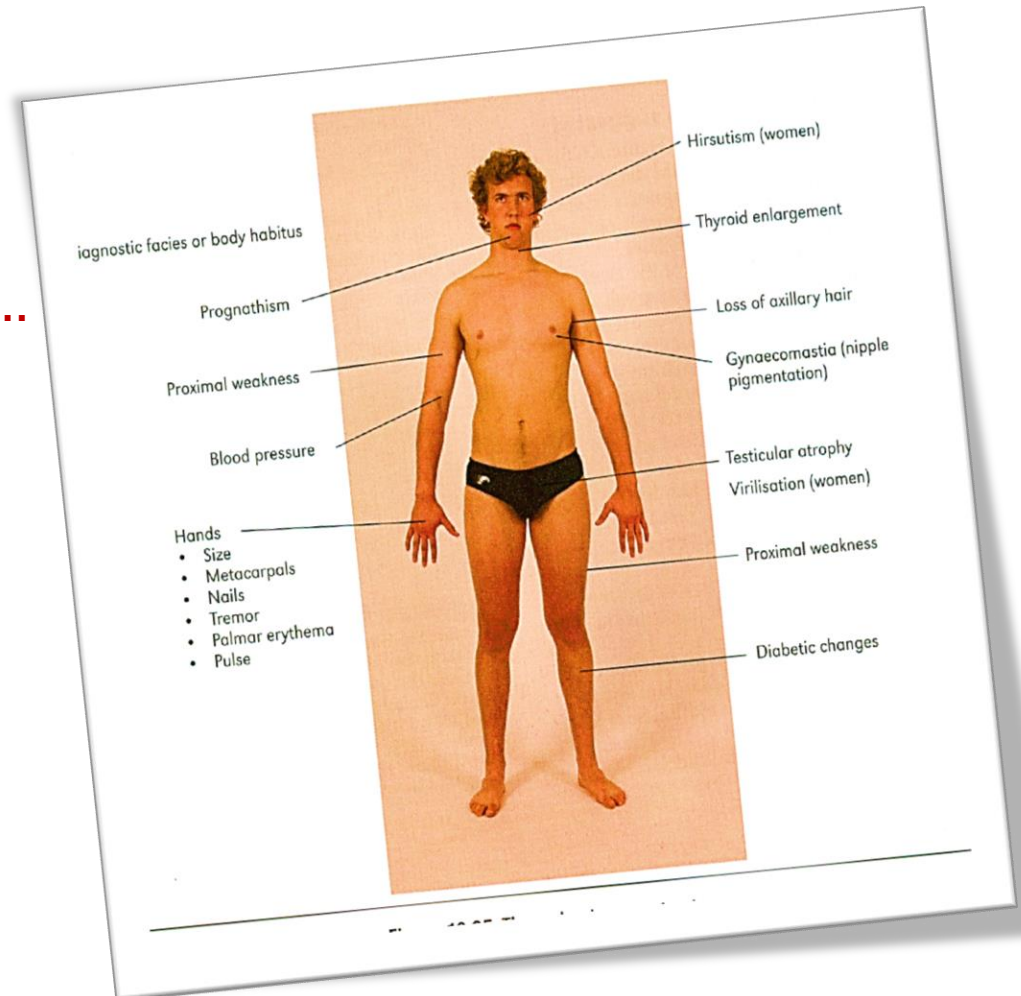
Equipment for the Physical Examination

- An ophthalmoscope and an otoscope. If you are examining children, the otoscope should allow for pneumatic otoscopy.
 - A flashlight or penlight
 - Tongue depressors
 - A ruler and flexible tape measure, preferably marked in centimeters
 - Often a thermometer
 - A watch with a second hand
 - A sphygmomanometer
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- A stethoscope with the following characteristics:
 - Ear tips that fit snugly and painlessly. To get this fit, choose ear tips of the proper size, align the ear pieces with the angle of your ear canals, and adjust the spring of the connecting metal band to a comfortable tightness.
 - Thick-walled tubing as short as feasible to maximize the transmission of sound: approximately 30 cm (12 inches), if possible, and no longer than 38 cm (15 inches)
 - A bell and a diaphragm with a good changeover mechanism
 - Gloves and lubricant for oral, vaginal, and rectal examinations
 - Vaginal specula and equipment for cytologic and perhaps bacteriologic study
 - A reflex hammer
 - Tuning forks, ideally one of 128 Hz and one of 512 Hz
 - Q-tips, safety pins, or other disposable objects for testing sensation and two-point discrimination
 - Cotton for testing the sense of light touch
 - Two test tubes (optional) for testing temperature sensation
 - Paper and pen or pencil, or desktop or laptop computer

Overview OF The Physical Examination

- Read carefully this “head-to-toe” sequence, the techniques for examining each region of the body, and how to optimize patient comfort ...

- ✓ **General Survey...**
- ✓ **Vital Signs...**
- ✓ **Skin, Nails...**
- ✓ **Head, Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat ...**
- ✓ **Neck...**
- ✓ **Posterior Thorax and Lungs...**
- ✓ **Breasts, Axillae...**
- ✓ **Anterior Thorax and Lungs....**
- ✓ **Cardiovascular System...**
- ✓ **Abdomen...**
- ✓ **Lower Extremities...**
- ✓ **Nervous System...**
- ✓ **Additional Examinations...**



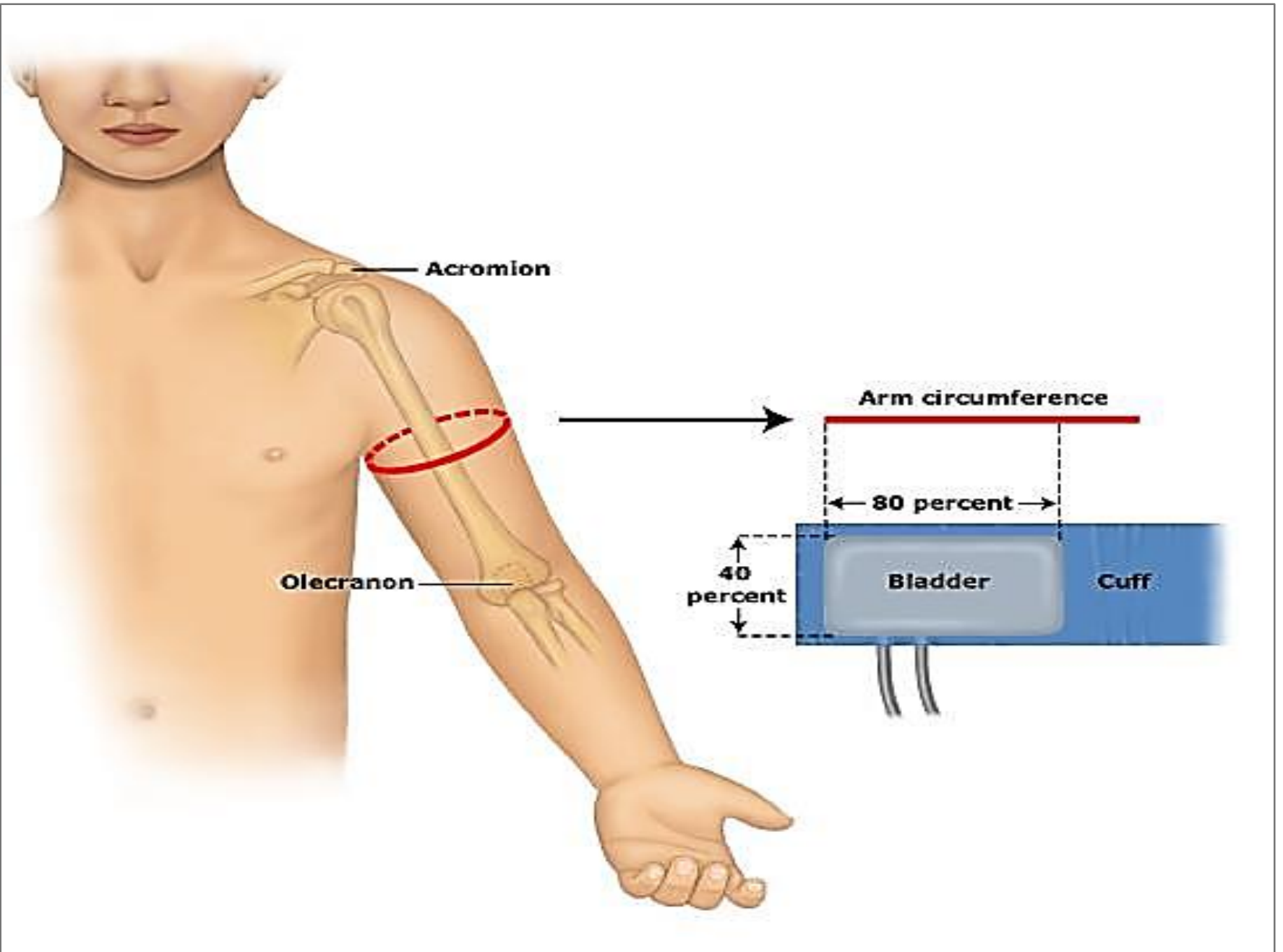
❖ GENERAL APPEARANCE & VITAL SIGNS...

- ✓ **Height**
- ✓ **Weight**
- ✓ **BMI**
- ✓ **&...**

Pulse ↗ ↑ (Hyperthyroidism, Hypoglycemia...)
 ↘ ↓ (Hypothyroidism, Hypopituitarism...)

BP ↗ ↑ (Hyperaldosteronism, Pheochromocytoma...)
 ↘ ↓ (Addison's disease, Hypopituitarism...)

RR → Hyperventilation → DKA



❖ SKIN & HAND & HEAD & EYES & MOUTH

- ❑ Heat (hyperthyroid).
- ❑ Tremor (hyperthyroid).
- ❑ Palmar erythema (hyperthyroid).
- ❑ Pigmentation of palmar crease (Addison's).
- ❑ 3rd, 5th metacarpals shortened (pseudohypoparathyroid).
- ❑ Pulse: rate (hyper-, hypothyroid), rhythm,...
- Oversized hands (acromegaly).
- Tongue enlargement (acromegaly).
- Chin enlargement (acromegaly).
- Eye fundus:(DM , acromegaly).
- Exophthalmos (hyperthyroid).
- Acne, oily skin (Cushing's).
- Buccal pigmentation (Addison's).
- Hirsutism...

❖ **NECK & THYROID**

- Inspect buffalo hump (Cushing's).
- Palpate supra-clavicular fat pads (Cushing's).
- Inspect webbed neck (Turner's).
- Inspect for goiter...

Techniques: Thyroid Exam



There are several physical examination maneuvers described for examination of the thyroid described below that are at least moderately sensitive and specific. Much of the exam is based on physiological reasoning and tradition rather than on studies of reliability or precision. Combining the examination and association signs and symptoms increases the accuracy of the physical examination of the thyroid.

Goiter: Examination of the thyroid for size

Note: An enlarged thyroid is referred to as a goiter. There is no direct correlation between size and function- a person with a goiter can be euthyroid, hypo- or hyperthyroid.

A normal thyroid is estimated to be 10 grams with an upper limit of 20 grams or 2 to 4 teaspoons.

Examination for goiter can increase the possibility of thyroid disease in patients with symptoms of hypo- or hyperthyroidism, in determining the choice of treatment in hyperthyroidism and monitoring the response to therapy directed at decreasing the size of the thyroid in cases of symptomatic goiter.

The examination consists of three portions:

- Inspection,
- Palpation, and
- Synthesis of data from these techniques

In addition to palpating for size, also note the gland texture, mobility, tenderness and the presence of nodules.

Inspection

Inspection: Anterior Approach

1. The patient should be seated or standing in a comfortable position with the neck in a neutral or slightly extended position.
2. Cross-lighting increases shadows, improving the detection of masses.
3. To enhance visualization of the thyroid, you can:
 1. Extending the neck, which stretches overlying tissues
 2. Have the patient swallow a sip of water, watching for the upward movement of the thyroid gland.



4. [251KB video demo](#) from [Return to the Bedside](#)

Inspection: Lateral Approach

1. After completing anterior inspection of the thyroid, observe the neck from the side.
2. Estimate the smooth, straight contour from the cricoid cartilage to the suprasternal notch.
3. Measure any prominence beyond this imagined contour, using a ruler placed in the area of prominence.

Palpation: Anterior Approach

1. The patient is examined in the seated or standing position.
2. Attempt to locate the thyroid isthmus by palpating between the cricoid cartilage and the suprasternal notch.
3. Use one hand to slightly retract the sternocleidomastoid muscle while using the other to palpate the thyroid.
4. Have the patient swallow a sip of water as you palpate, feeling for the upward movement of the thyroid gland.



5.  [454KB video demo](#) from [Return to the Bedside](#).

Palpation: Posterior Approach

1. The patient is examined in the seated or standing position.
2. Standing behind the patient, attempt to locate the thyroid isthmus by palpating between the cricoid cartilage and the suprasternal notch.
3. Move your hands laterally to try to feel under the sternocleidomastoids for the fullness of the thyroid.
4. Have the patient swallow a sip of water as you palpate, feeling for the upward movement of the thyroid gland.



Note: This traditional technique is based on physiological reasoning; data of effectiveness is lacking.

Nodules: Examination of the thyroid for nodularity

Thyroid nodules are common (prevalence 4%). Half of the thyroids glands examined by ultrasound or direct visualization (surgery or autopsy) have nodules. Physical examination detects approximately 10% of the nodules found by these methods. Nodules increase in frequency with age and are four times more likely in women than men. Less than 5% of all nodules are cancerous.

Technique

1. The **location** of the thyroid is identified by inspection.
2. **Using the anterior or posterior approach**, palpate the thyroid to identify nodules
3. Note the **size and number** of nodules.
4. Note the **consistency** of the nodule.
5. Palpate **regional lymph nodes for consistency and mobility**.
6. [Take a look at a teaching demo video.](#)

❖ **AXILLAE & ARMS**

- Acanthosis nigricans (acromegaly).
- Axillary hair loss (hypopituitary).
- Skin tags (acromegaly).
- Blood pressure for hypertension (Cushing'),
- Trousseau's sign (hypercalcemia):
 - 1) Occlude brachial artery for 3 min using BP cuff...
 - 2) See if carpal spasm is induced.
- Muscle weakness (hypothyroid, Cushing's).

❖ CHEST & ABDOMEN

- Pigmented nipple (Addison's).
- Loss or gain of chest hair...
- Male gynecomastia...
- Reduced female breast size (panhypopituitary).
- Pt. lies down, one pillow under head.
- Purple striae (Cushing's).
- Disproportionate abdominal fat (Cushing's).

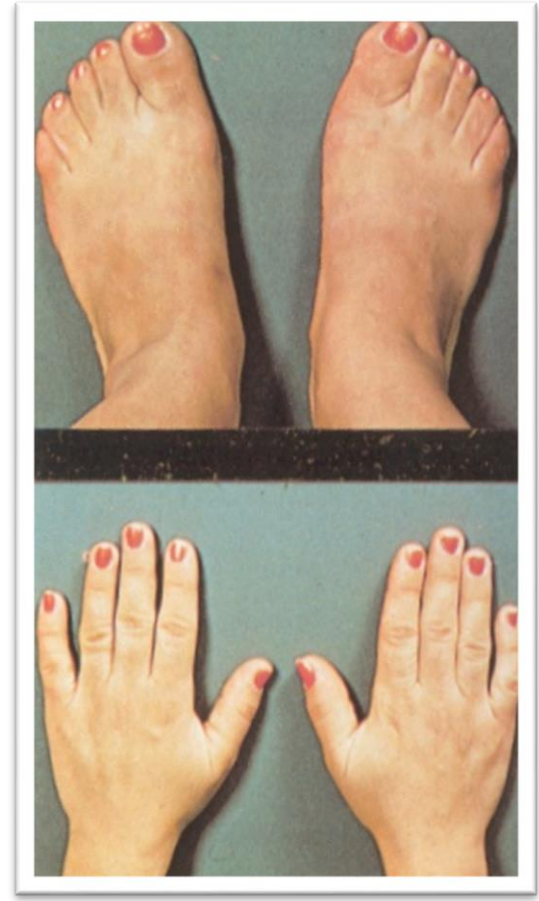
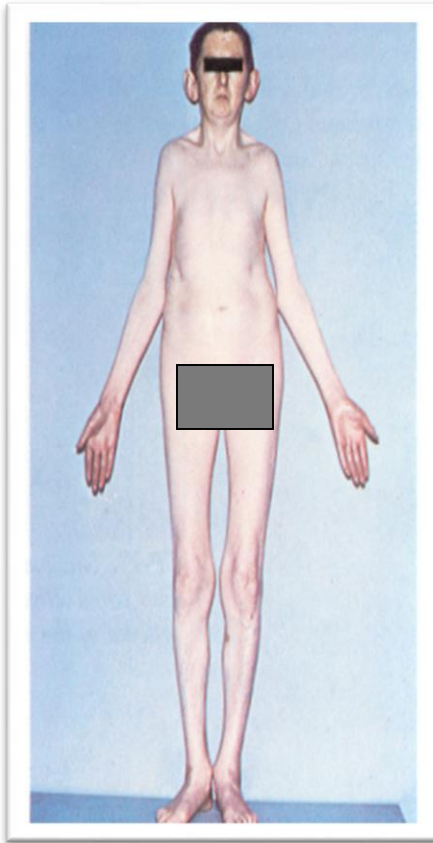
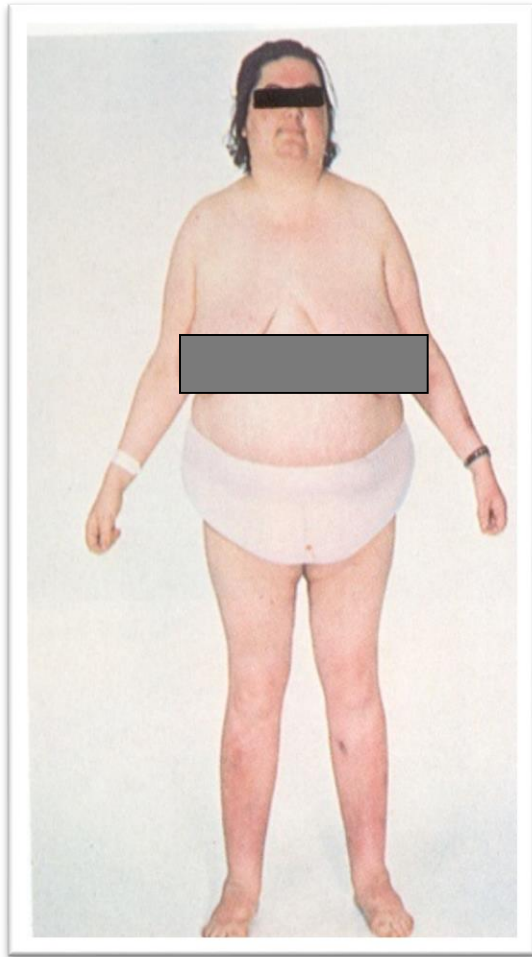
❖ **GENITALIA**

- Atrophy...
- Virilisation...

❖ **LEGS**

- Peripheral neuropathy (DM).
- Toe nails and foot showing same symptoms...

BODY SIZE AND PROPORTIONS



Eunuchoidism

SKIN AND NAILS



Thyroid achropachy

Hypoparathyroidism



Cushing's



Hyperthyroid...

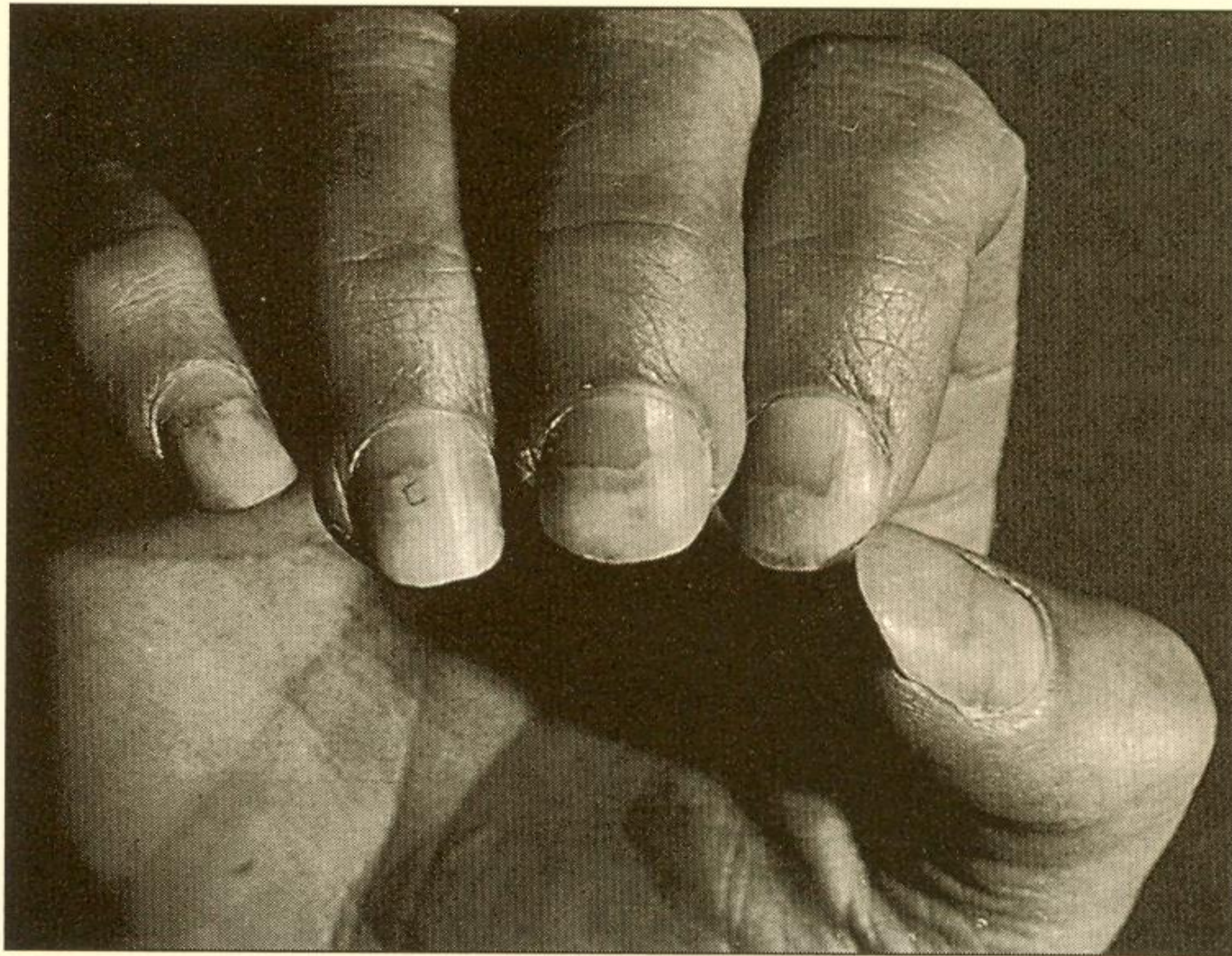


Figure 10.6 Onycholysis (Plummer's nails)

FACE AND EYES



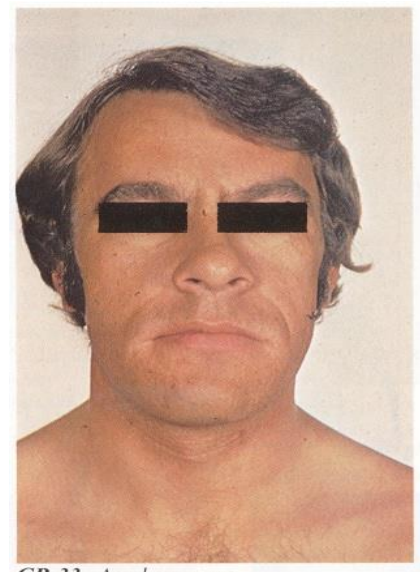
Hyperthyroid



Hypothyroid



Cushing's



Acromegaly

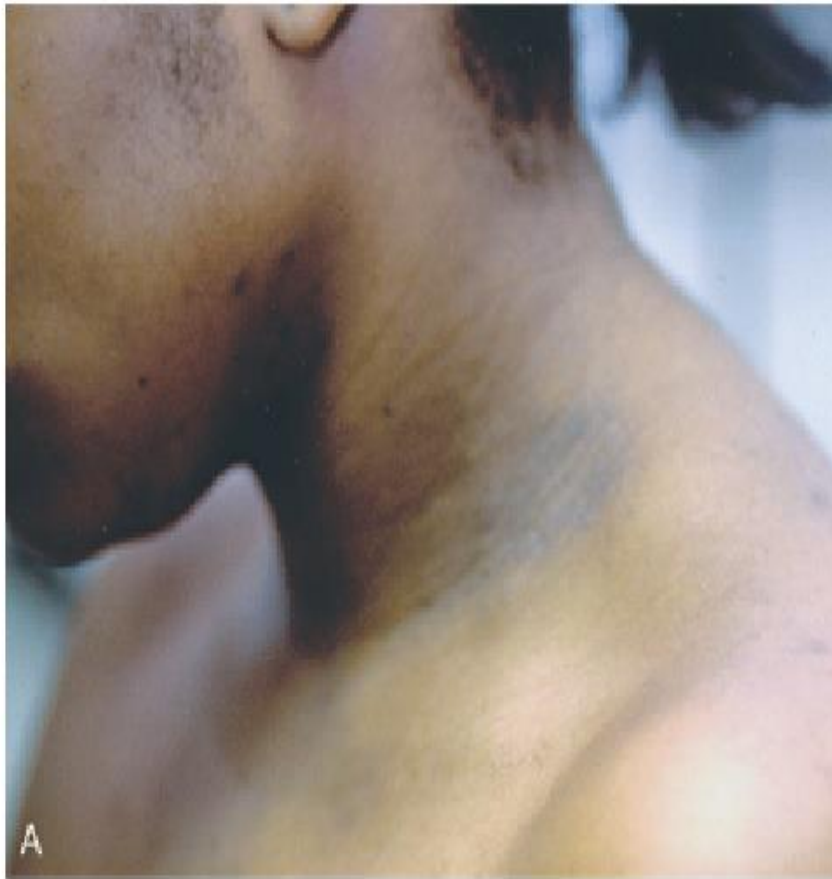
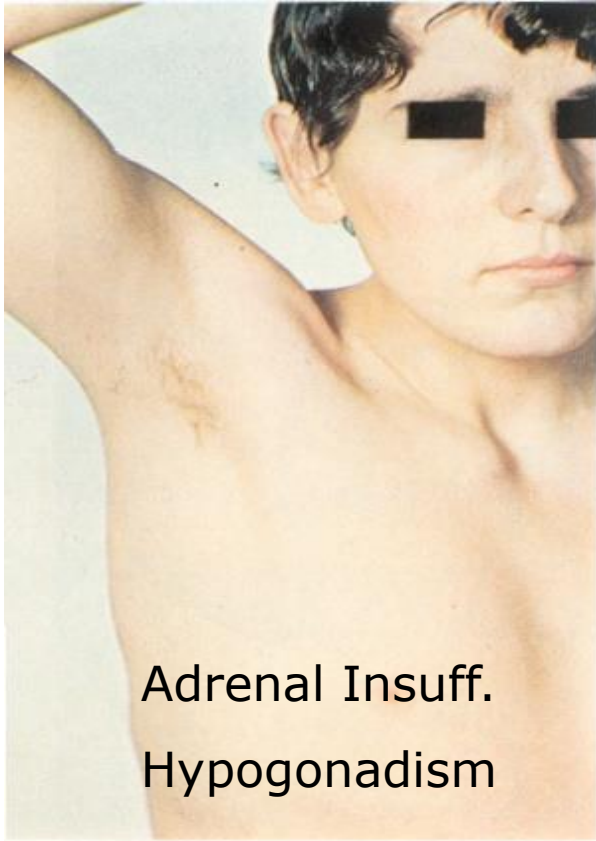


Figure 16-30 Acanthosis nigricans. **A**, Moderate acanthosis nigricans (darkening and thickening of skin) at the lateral lower fold of the neck. Note facial hirsutism (sideburns) in the same patient. **B**, Severe acanthosis nigricans in another patient with severe insulin resistance. (*B* Courtesy of Dr. R. Ann Word, Dallas, TX.)

HAIR



Adrenal Insuff.
Hypogonadism



Hypothyroidism



Virilization

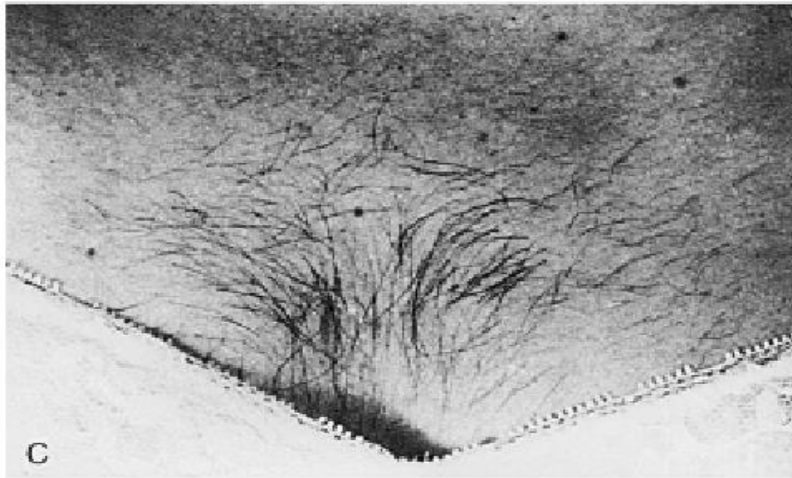
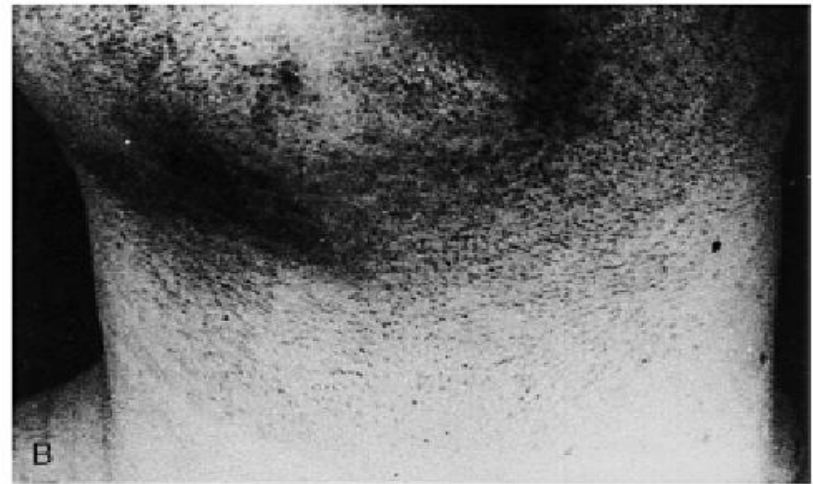
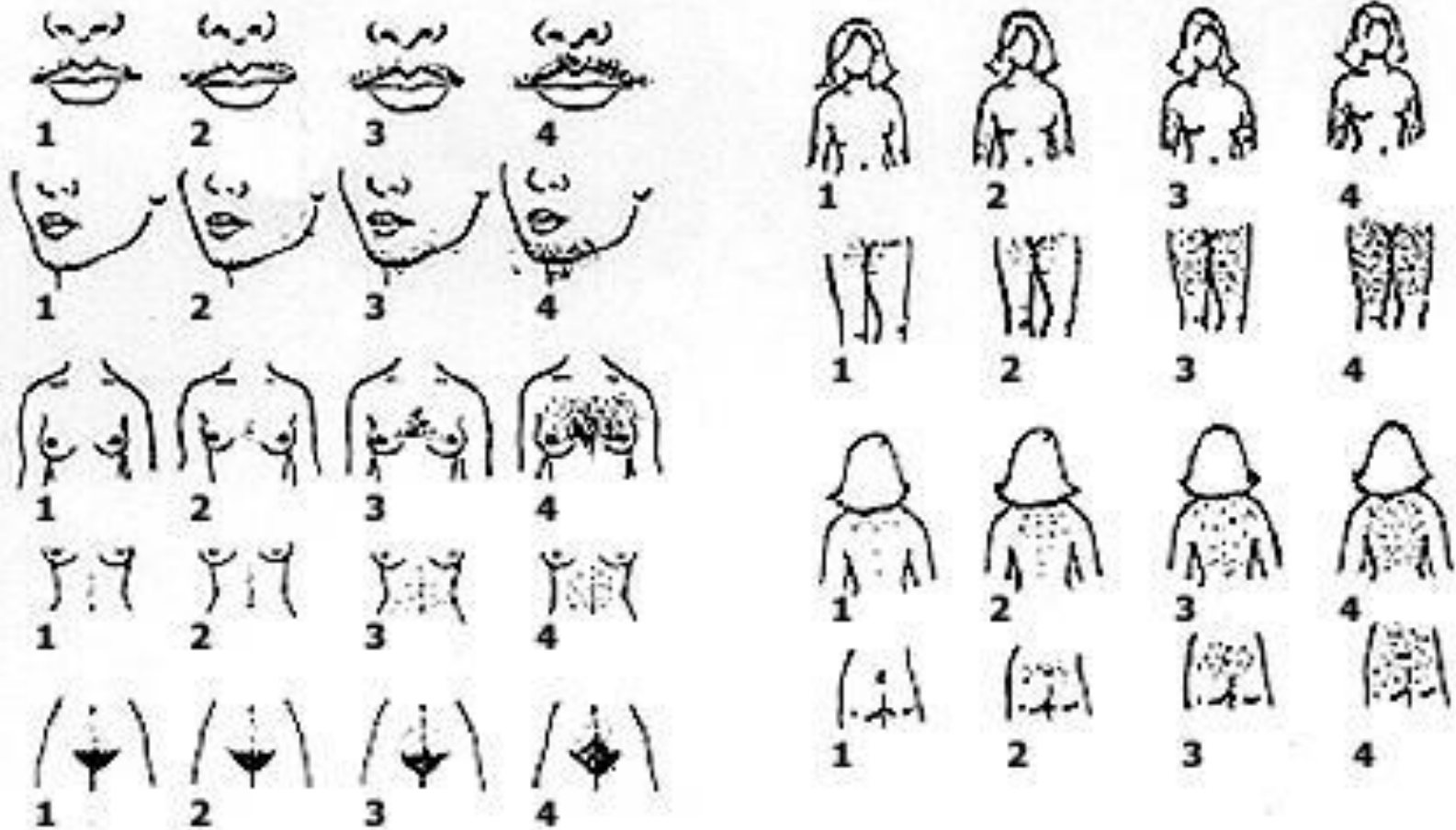


Figure 16-26 Hirsutism. **A**, Mild facial hirsutism. **B**, Severe facial hirsutism (chin), which requires regular shaving. **C**, Severe hirsutism on chest. (B and C from Dunaif A, Hoffman AR, Scully RE, et al. *The clinical, biochemical and ovarian morphologic features in women with acanthosis nigricans and masculinization. Obstet Gynecol* 1985;66:545-552.)

Grading of severity of hirsutism in women



- Hirsutism scoring standards at different sites showing the spectrum from minimal hirsutism (grade 1) to frank virilization (grade 4)...

Typical clinical features

Acromegaly



Transfrontal scar

Frontal bossing

Bitemporal
hemianopia

Papilloedema

Angioid streaks

Prognathism

Enlarged tongue

Molluscum fibrosum

Proximal myopathy

Spade-like hands



Figure 10.9 Acromegaly

Typical clinical features

Hypothyroidism



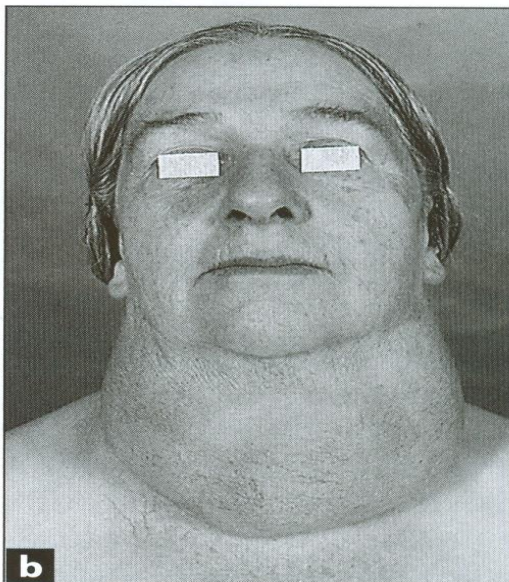
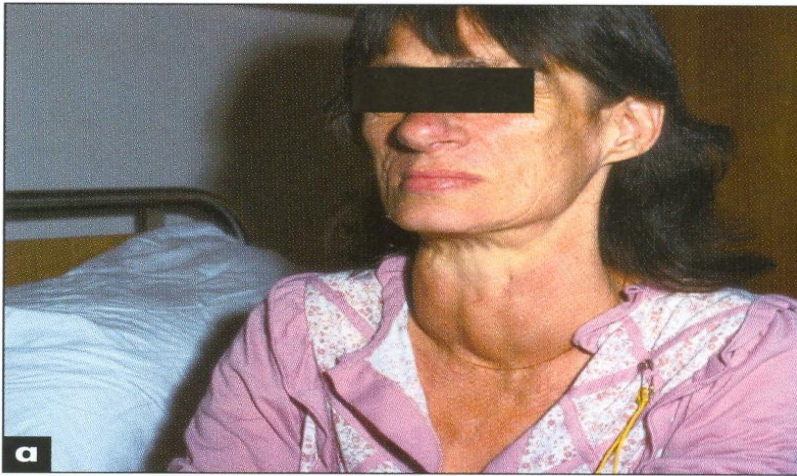


Figure 10.5 Goitre: (a) large; (b) massive

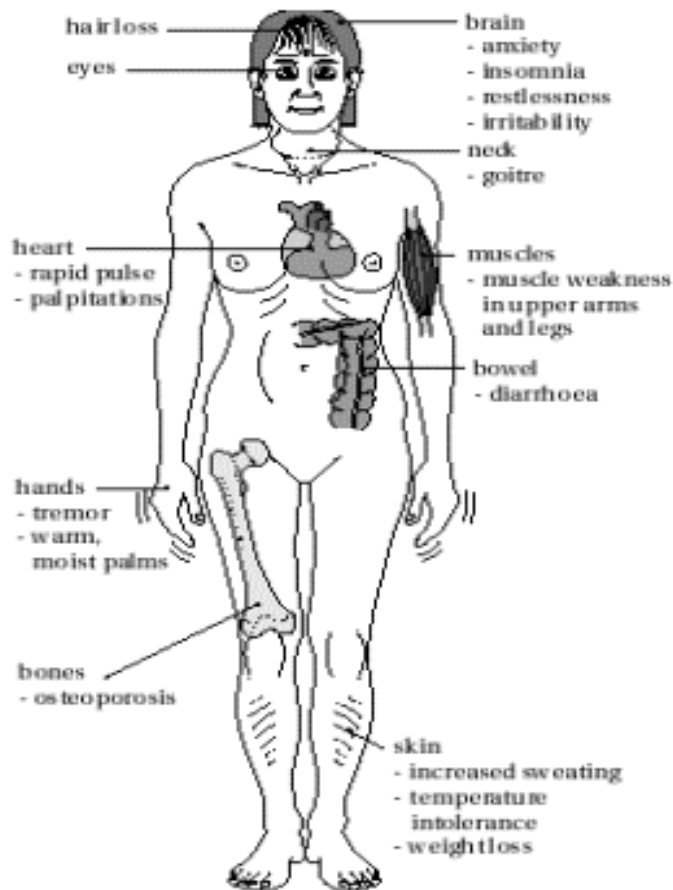


Figure 10.11 Testing ankle jerks (second method—see also page 372)

This method best demonstrates the 'hung-up' reflexes of hypothyroidism. Look for rapid dorsiflexion followed by slow plantar flexion after the tendon is tapped.

Typical clinical features

Hyperthyroidism



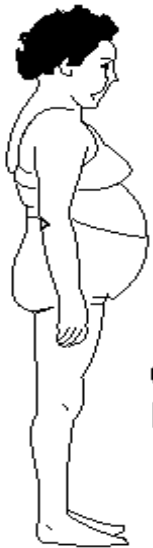
Graves ophthalmopathy



Figure 10.7 Thyrotoxicosis: thyroid stare and exophthalmos

Typical clinical features

Cushing's syndrome



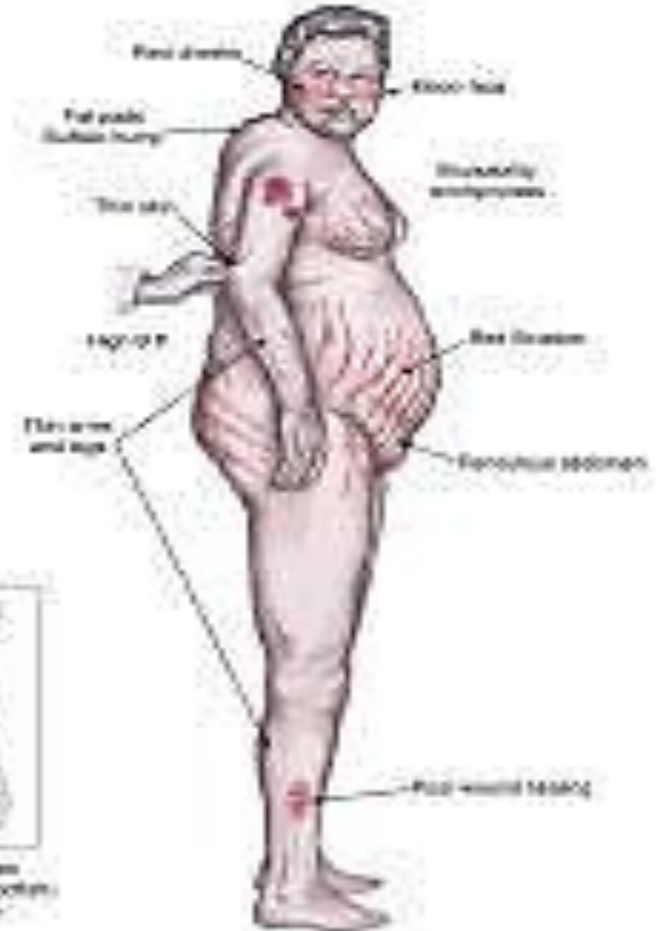
CUSHING'S
DISEASE



Moon face



Osteoporosis
compressed vertebrae
fracture



Facio-truncal obesity

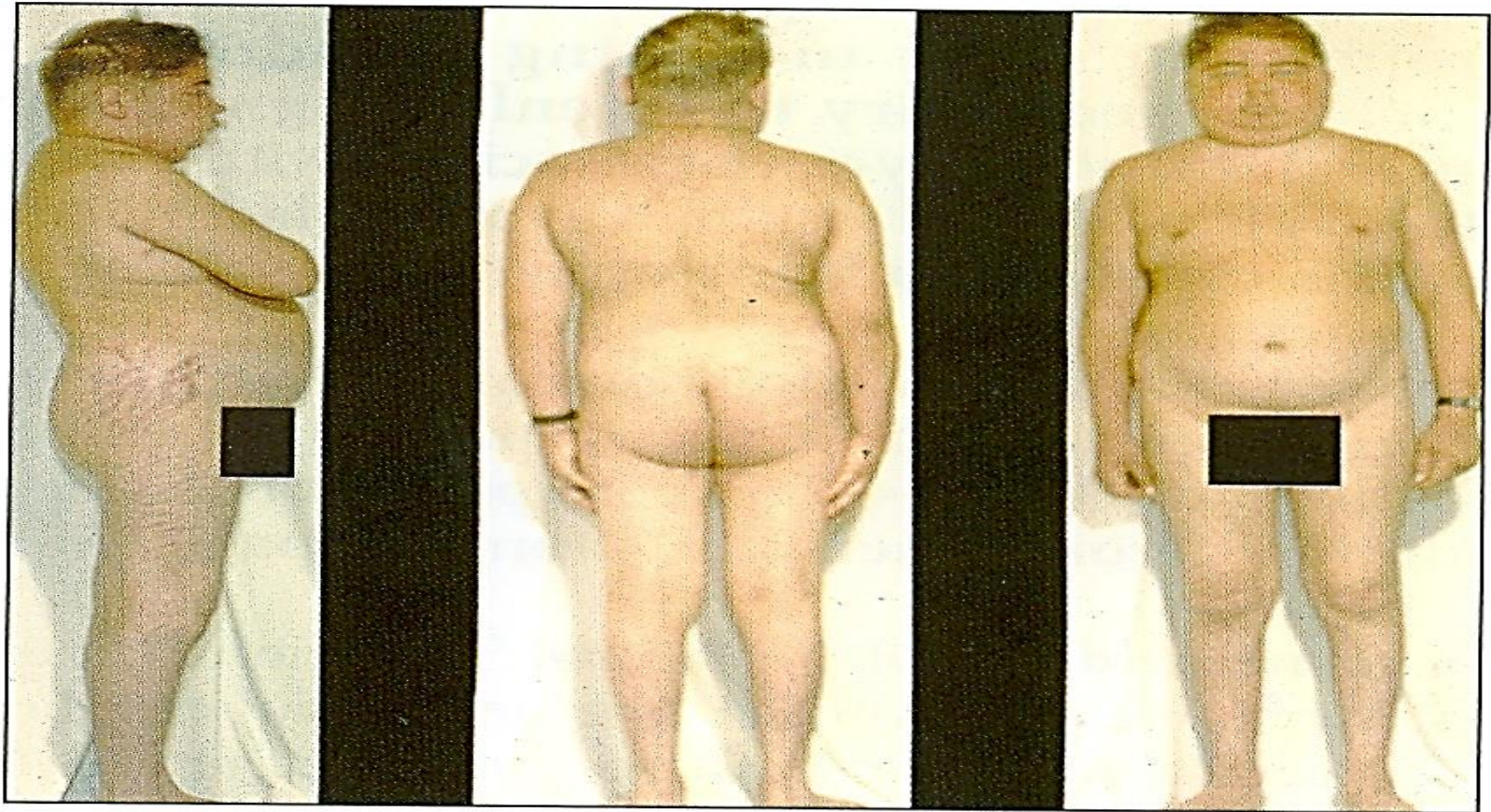


Figure 10.12 Buffalo hump and central obesity in Cushing's syndrome

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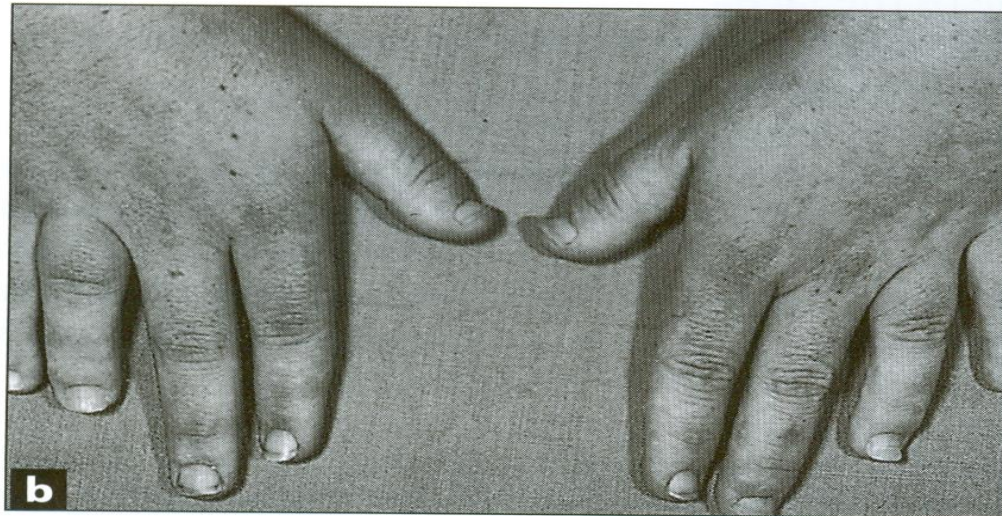


Figure 10.14 Pseudohypoparathyroidism: (a) feet; (b) hands

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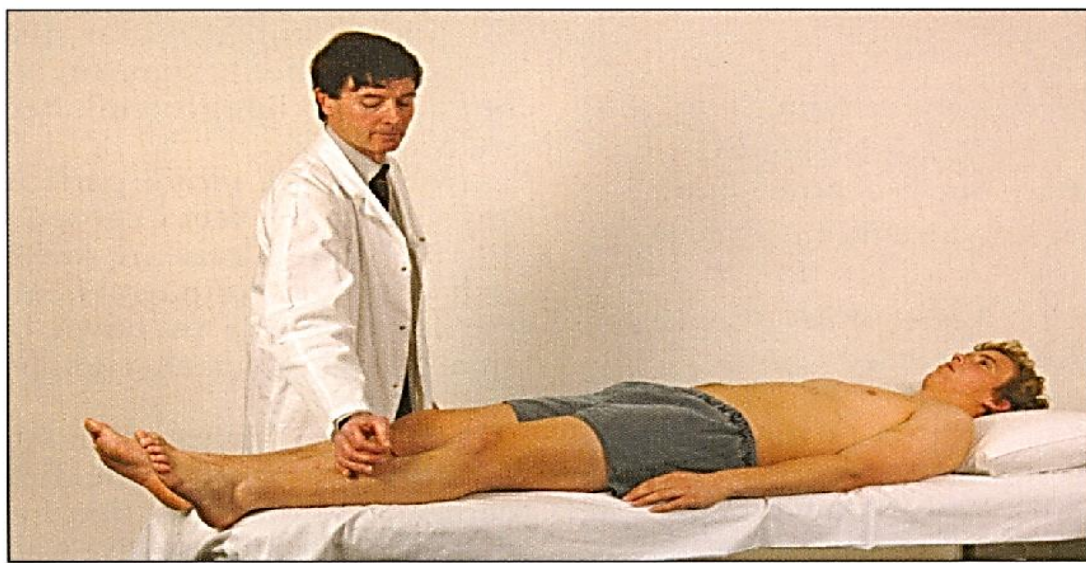


Figure 10.17 Diabetes mellitus

Lying

1. General inspection

- Weight—obesity
- Hydration
- Endocrine facies
- Pigmentation—haemochromatosis, etc

2. Legs

- Inspect
 - Skin—necrobiosis, hair loss, infection, pigmented scars, atrophy, ulceration, injection sites
 - Muscle wasting

Palpate

- Temperature of feet (cold, blue due to 'small' or 'large' vessel disease)
- Peripheral pulses

Femoral (auscultate)

Popliteal

Posterior tibial

Dorsalis pedis

3. Arms

Inspect

- Injection sites
- Skin lesions

Pulse

4. Eyes

- Fundi—cataracts, rubeosis, retinal disease
- III nerve palsy, etc

5. Mouth

- Monilia
- Infection

6. Neck

- Carotid arteries—palpate, auscultate

7. Chest

- Signs of infection

8. Abdomen

- Liver—fat infiltration; rarely haemochromatosis
- Neurological assessment
 - Femoral nerve mononeuritis
 - Peripheral neuropathy

9. Other

- Urine analysis—glycosuria, ketones, proteinuria
- Blood pressure—lying and standing
- Oedema



Figure 148 Eruptive xanthomata. Type V hyperlipoproteinemia with an increase in very-low-density lipoproteins (VLDLs) and chylomicrons is often associated with glucose intolerance. This lipoprotein abnormality is accentuated by obesity and alcohol consumption, and may lead to acute pancreatitis and peripheral neuropathy

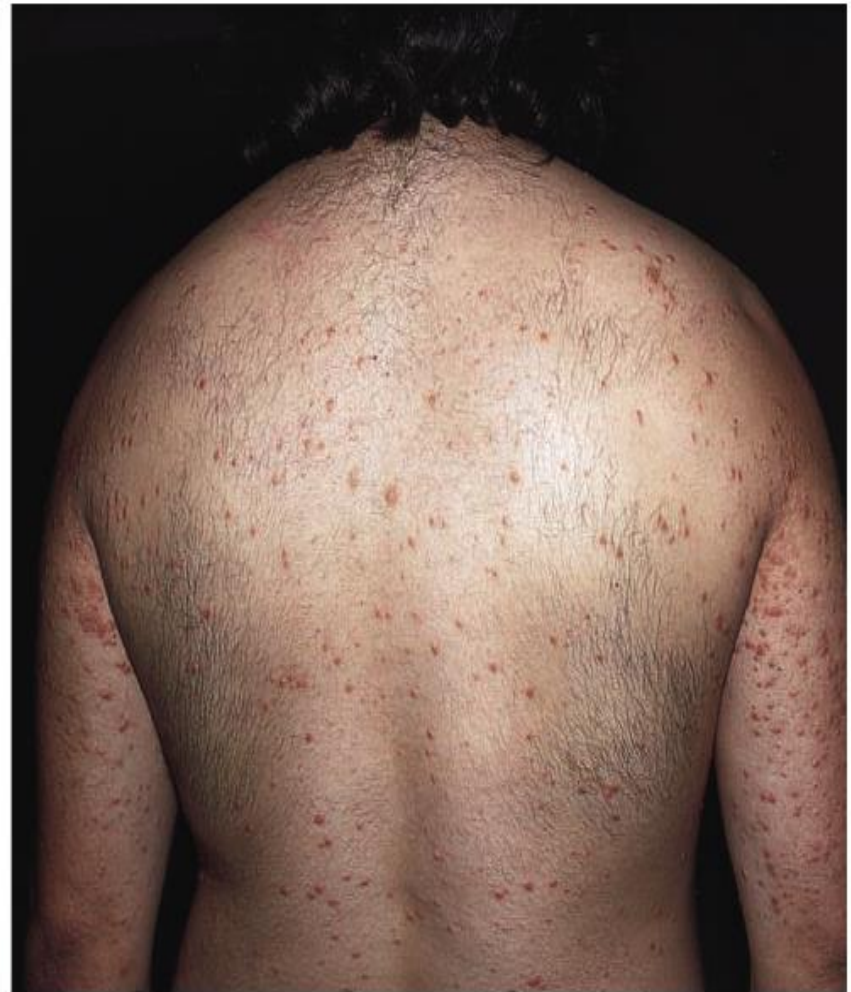


Figure 149 Massive eruptive xanthomata in a young man with type 2 diabetes mellitus



Figure 143 Acanthosis nigricans is uncommon. These brown hyperkeratotic plaques with a velvety surface occur most frequently in the axillae and flexures, and on the neck. Acanthosis is associated with insulin resistance caused by genetic defects in the insulin receptor or postreceptor function, or the presence of antibodies to the insulin receptor



Figure 106 This diabetic patient has an ulnar neuropathy. Such entrapment neuropathies are commonly seen in diabetic patients, the commonest being carpal tunnel syndrome. It has been postulated that diabetic nerves may be more susceptible to mechanical injury



Figure 140 Diabetic dermopathy. These pigmented pretibial patches are often seen in diabetic patients, but are not pathognomonic of the disease. There is a male preponderance and the lesions are discrete, atrophic, scaly or hyperpigmented. The underlying cause is not known



Figure 139 Granuloma annulare. Although this skin condition is occasionally seen in diabetic patients, several large studies have failed to reveal a significant association between the two disorders, both of which are relatively common



Figure 137 A typical lesion of necrobiosis lipoidica with yellow atrophic centers and an erythematous size, and are often multiple and bilateral. Necrobic



Figure 138 Necrobiosis may become severe and ulcerative, causing great distress in affected patients. Spontaneous regression may occur and treatment tends to be unsatisfactory. Skin grafts may become complicated by recurrence within the graft or at an adjacent site

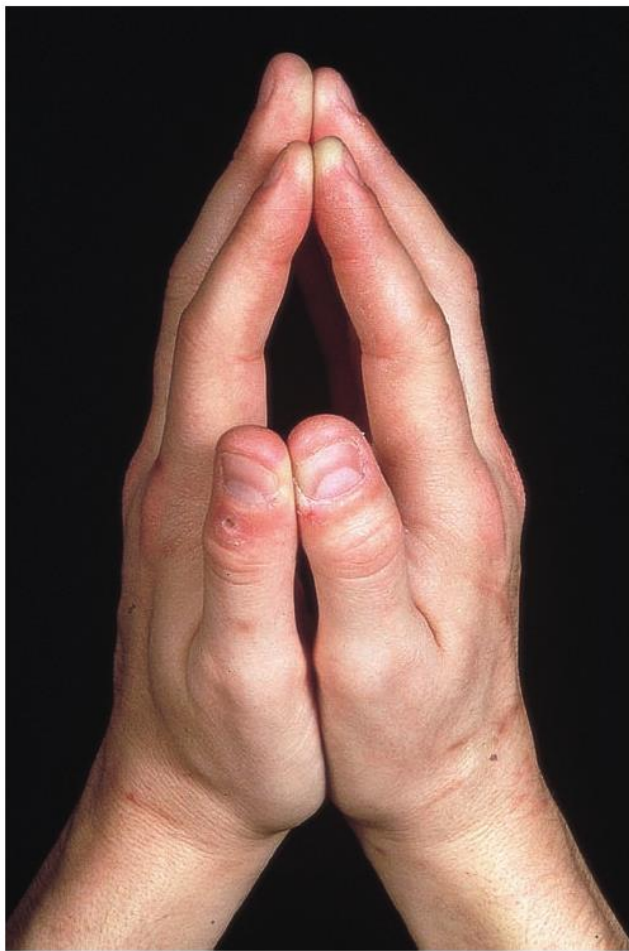


Figure 150 Diabetic cheiroarthropathy or limited joint mobility is characterized by an inability to extend fully the metacarpophalangeal and proximal interphalangeal joints when the tips of the fingers and palms of the hands are opposed in the so-called prayer sign. Although it may be seen in adult-onset type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus (DM), it is most commonly seen in children and young adults with type 1 DM. The development of this abnormality is linked to the duration of diabetes. When present, other diabetic complications are likely to coexist



Figure 151 Dupuytren's contracture is common in patients with diabetes mellitus. Conversely, in patients presenting with Dupuytren's contracture, a high prevalence of diabetes is found. The exact nature of the link between the two conditions remains unclear



Figure 10.20 Charcot's joint of left knee



Figure 105 Diabetic right third cranial nerve palsy. The right eye is deviated outwards and downwards, and there is associated ptosis. Pupillary sparing is often encountered. Third nerve palsy is the most commonly seen cranial neuropathy of diabetes, although fourth, sixth and seventh nerve lesions have also been reported as well as intercostal and phrenic nerve lesions. These lesions usually improve over time

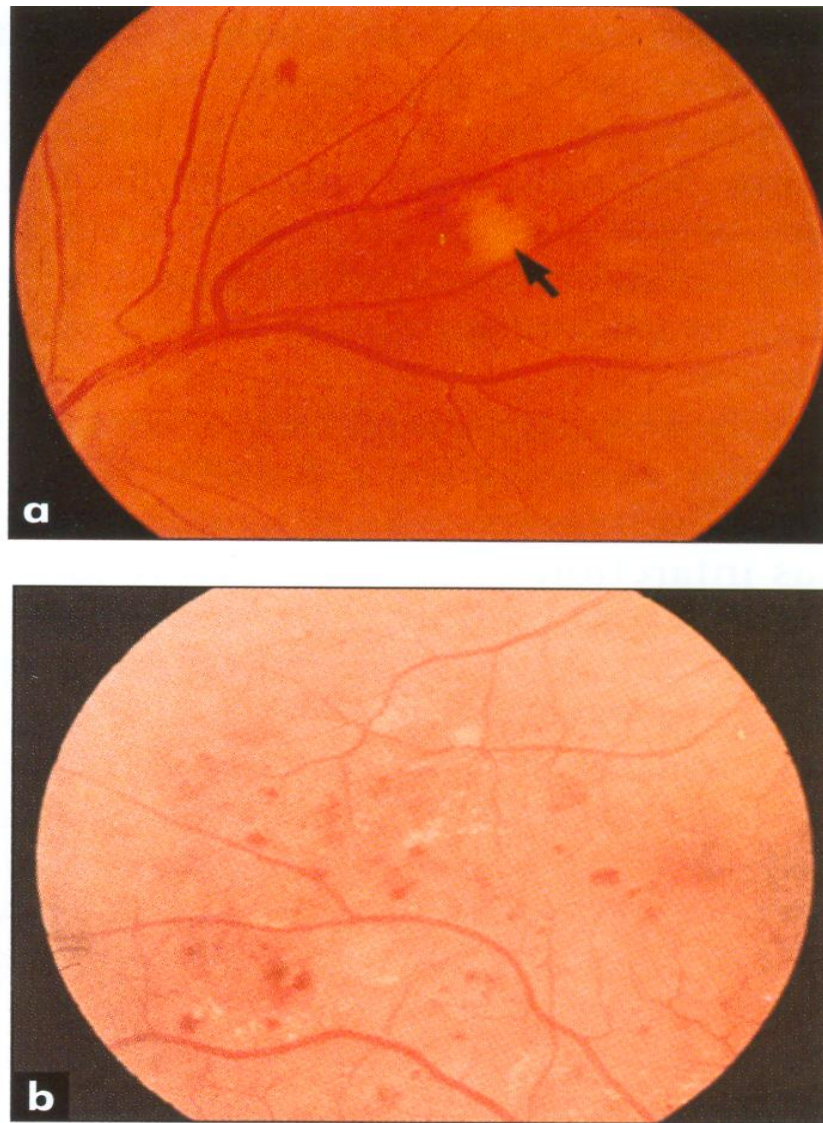


Figure 10.22 Diabetic retinopathy

(a) Soft exudate (arrow) and small haemorrhages.

(b) Microaneurysms (dots), retinal haemorrhages (blots) and hard yellow exudates.



Figure 87 Serious diabetic retinopathy with venous irregularities, blot hemorrhages, intraretinal microvascular abnormalities, large cottonwool spots and extensive areas of hard exudates



Figure 83 Background diabetic retinopathy with occasional scattered microaneurysms and dot hemorrhages



Figure 93 Extensive peripheral proliferative retinopathy with venous beading and blot hemorrhages. New vessels usually originate from a major vein and adopt a branching pattern. Proliferative retinopathy is the most common sight-threatening complication of type 1 diabetes mellitus (DM), with visual loss being due to breakage of vessels leading to preretinal or vitreous hemorrhage. It is always accompanied by other diabetic lesions and is treatable by laser photocoagulation. It is less common in type 2 DM (where exudative maculopathy is the most common cause of visual loss)



Figure 96 Vitreous hemorrhage has occurred despite extensive laser photocoagulation. The hemorrhage may clear but, if it fails to do so or recurrent hemorrhage ensues, visual loss is inevitable and vitreoretinal surgery may be indicated

DIABETIC FOOT EXAMINATION

Introduction

1. Wash hands
2. Introduce yourself
3. Confirm patient details – *name / DOB*
4. Explain the examination
5. Gain consent
6. Position patient on bed at 45°
7. Expose patient's lower legs & feet

Gather equipment

1. Monofilament
2. Tuning fork (*128hz*)
3. Tendon hammer

INSPECTION

Inspect legs & feet thoroughly, lifting legs up to see underneath & ensuring to look between toes...

Colour – pallor / cyanosis / erythema (*e.g. cellulitis / ischaemia*)



Inspect behind legs for ulcers...

Skin: Dry / shiny / hair loss – peripheral vascular disease - Eczema / haemosiderin staining – venous disease



Venous ulcers – moderate to no pain – larger /shallow – associated with venous insufficiency / varicose veins

Arterial ulcers – very painful – deep punched out appearance – associated with diabetes mellitus / peripheral vascular disease

Swelling:

Oedema – – *e.g. venous insufficiency / heart failure*

Deep vein thrombosis – *tender on palpation*

Calluses – may indicate incorrectly fitting shoes

Venous filling – *guttering of veins / reduced visibility suggests PVD*

Deformity caused by neuropathy (*e.g. Charcot arthropathy*)



Palpation

Temperature – cool (*e.g. PVD*) / hot (*e.g. cellulitis*)

Capillary refill – normal = < 2 seconds – *prolongation suggests PVD*



Pulses:

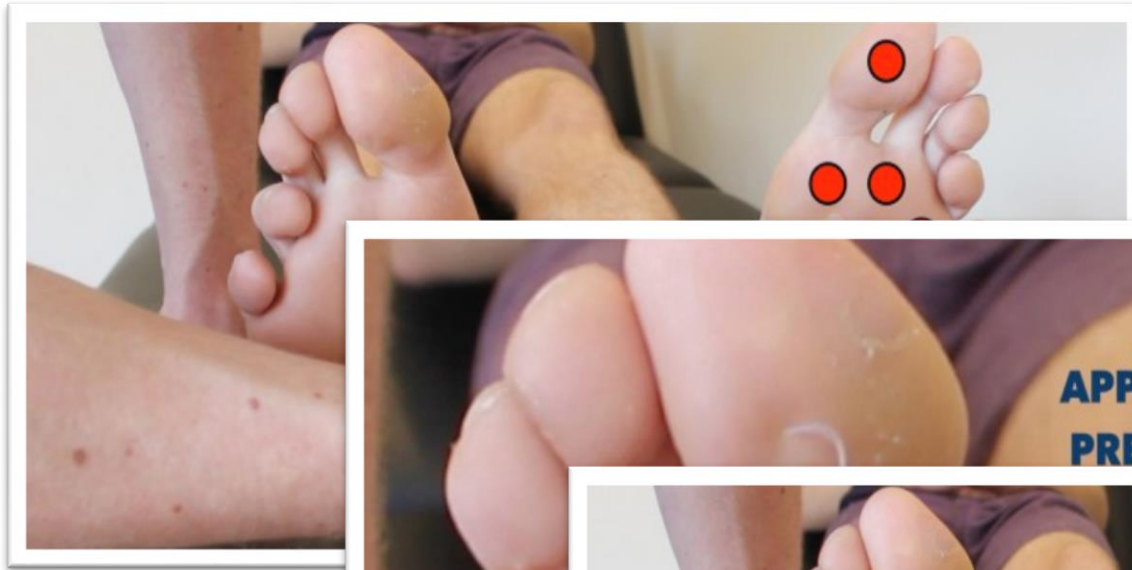
Dorsalis pedis artery – *lateral to EHL tendon*

Posterior tibial artery – *posterior & inferior to medial malleolus*



Sensation

Monofilament



... Compare between feet

Vibration sensation

- Ask patient to close their eyes
- Tap a 128hz tuning fork...
- Place onto patient's sternum & confirm patient can feel it buzzing
- Ask patient to tell you when they can feel it on their foot & to tell you when it stops buzzing
- Place onto the distal phalanx of the great toe on each leg in turn
- If sensation is impaired, continue to assess more proximally –
e.g. proximal phalanx...



Other tests to consider

If abnormalities in monofilament or vibration sensation are identified, consider carrying out further tests shown below...

Proprioception

- Hold the distal phalanx of the great toe by its sides...
- Demonstrate movement of the toe “upwards” & “downwards” to the patient (*whilst they watch*)
- Then ask patient to close their eyes & state if you are moving the toe up or down...
- If the patient is unable to correctly identify direction of movement, move to a more proximal joint (*ankle > knee > hip*)



Ankle jerk reflex

- ✓ Dorsi-flex the foot
- ✓ Tap tendon hammer over the achilles tendon...
- ✓ Observe the calf for contraction – *normal reflex*
 - Ankle jerk reflex may be absent in advanced peripheral neuropathy...

Gait

- ✓ **Symmetry / balance**
- ✓ **Turning** – quick / slow / staggered
- ✓ **Abnormalities** – broad based gait / foot drop / antalgia

Examine footwear:

- ✓ **Note pattern of wear on soles** – asymmetrical wearing – *gait abnormality*
- ✓ **Ensure the shoes are the correct size for the patient**
- ✓ **Note holes / material inside the shoes that could cause foot injury**



Figure 10.18 Diabetic (neuropathic) ulcer

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همچنین در صورت وجود لنفادنوپاتی و یا انحراف تراشه ثبت آنها کمک فراوانی به فرآیند تشخیص بیماریهای تیروئید به خصوص ندولهای تیروئید خواهد نمود.

درجه حرارت بدن: افزایش خفیف تا متوسط درجه حرارت بدن در زمینه طوفان تیروئیدی، بیماری آدیسون و اختلالات مرکز تنظیم درجه حرارت هیپوتالاموس به وجود خواهد آمد، بلعکس هیپوتیروئیدیسم شدید و هیپوگلیسمی باعث هیپوترمی می‌شوند.

پوست: هیپرپیگمانتاسیون پوستی مخاطی به خصوص در نواحی چین‌ها و مناطق تحت فشار و مخاط لب و دهان و چشم قویاً شک به بیماری آدیسون را برمی‌انگیزد. مشاهده آکانتوزیس نیگریکانس که مناطق هیپرپیگمانته و هیپرتروفیه پوستی در نواحی زیر بغل و پشت کردن می‌باشد نشانه‌ای از چاقی، کوشینگ، آکرومگالی و یا دیابت تیپ II خواهد بود.

وجود موهاي زبر مردانه در صورت و بدن خانمها نيز مي تواند به نفع بعضي اختلالات غدي مانند تومورهاي تخمداني يا آدرنال كه ترشحات آندروژني دارند، هيپرپلازي مادرزادي آدرنال، كوشينگ و يا سندرم تخمدان پليكيستيك باشد.

خشكي و خشن شدن پوست حاكي از اختلالات هورموني مانند هيپوتيروئيديسم و يا هيپوپاراتيروئيديسم بوده و بلعكس پوست گرم و مرطوب و تعريق فراوان حاكي از پرkáري غده تيروئيد مي باشد. مشاهده استرياهاي بنفش رگ روي پوست شكم و پهلوها، پوست نازك و شكنده، وجود خونريزي هاي زيرپوستي به نام اكيموز نيز مطرح كننده سندرم كوشينگ مي باشد.

گوش، حلق و بینی: هیپرتروفی و بزرگی زبان، سینوس‌ها و استخوان‌های پیشانی و چانه در زمینه آکرومگالی و بزرگی زبان همچنین در بیماری هیپوتیروئیدیسم دیده می‌شود.

سیستم بینایی: معاینه کامل چشم شامل حرکات، میدان بینایی، شدت بینایی، بررسی لنز و شبکیه و فشار چشم از اهمیت ویژه‌ای برخوردار است.

تاری دید، خیرگی، قرمزی، التهاب و تورم چشم، پروپتوز یا بیرون زدگی چشم، فلج عضلات حرکتی چشم، درد و حتی کاهش بینایی و نهایتاً از دست رفتن بینایی تماماً تحت عنوان افتالموپاتی‌های گریوز از مشکلات عمده مبتلایان به این نوع خاص پرکاری غده تیروئید است. بلعکس کم کاری تیروئید سبب تورم نسج دور چشم (ادم پره اربیتال) و ریزش موهای قسمت خارجی ابروها خواهد شد.

اختلالات میدان بینایی، سردرد، دوبینی و یا فلج حرکتی عضلات چشم می‌توانند نشانه‌ای از تومورهای بزرگ ناحیه هیپوفیز، هیپوتالاموس باشند. به علاوه این تومورها می‌توانند رفلکس مردمک را از بین ببرند. مشاهده کاتاراکت در معاینه می‌تواند به نفع هیپوتیروئیدیسم، دیابت کنترل نشده و یا هیپوپاراتیروئیدیسم باشد.

افزایش فشار داخل چشم به دنبال سندرم کوشینگ و به خصوص دیابت قندی به طور شایع به وجود خواهد آمد. مشاهده شبکیه نیز اطلاعات زیادی در مورد بعضی بیماری‌ها مانند فشارخون مزمن یا حاد، و یا دیابت قندی به دست خواهد داد، به ویژه محو بودن حدود دیسک اپتیک (ادم پایی) نشانه‌ای از افزایش فشار داخل جمجمه و به عنوان یک اورژانس پزشکی محسوب می‌شود.

سیستم عصبی، عضلانی: معاینه سیستمیک کامل سیستم عصبی حسی و حرکتی و رفلکس‌ها و همچنین عضلات از اهمیت بالایی برخوردار است. وجود نوروپاتی در زمینه دیابت قندی یافته بسیار شایعی است، ضعف عضلانی و وجود میوپاتی در معاینه می‌تواند به نفع اختلالاتی مانند کم کاری یا پرکاری تیروئید، بیماری کوشینگ و یا اختلالات متابولیسم کلسیم، فوسفور باشد.

کاهش رفلکس‌های وتري عمقي به نفع کم کاري تيروئيد، ديابت قندي و يا کاهش سدیم خون باشد، بلعکس به دنبال پرکاري تيروئيد رفلکس‌های عمقي تشديد خواهند يافت. در صورت مشاهده لرزش خفيف (fine tremor) در دست‌ها که به حالت کشيده و به طرف جلو موازي با هم و کف دست به طرف زمين باشد، شک به پرکاري غده تيروئيد خواهيم کرد.

سیستم ادراری تناسلی: معاینه سیستم ادراری تناسلی در هر دو جنس برای یافته اختلالات هورمون‌های جنسی و نیز وجود یا عدم وجود نشانه‌های بلوغ ضروری است. در خانم‌ها نشانه‌های افزایش هورمون‌های جنسی مردانه به صورت ریزش موهای سر به فرم مردانه، کلفت شدن صدا، آکنه، عضلانی شدن بدن و بزرگی کلیتوریس بروز خواهد کرد.

در آقایان کاهش هورمون‌های مردانه به صورت کاهش رشد موهای صورت، بزرگی پستان‌ها (ژینکوماستی) و آتروفی بیضه‌ها خواهد بود.

سیستم اسکلتی: افزایش بیش از اندازه رشد قدي به علت فقدان ترشح هورمون‌های جنسی و یا افزایش ترشح هورمون رشد و کاهش رشد قدي به دلیل فقدان یا کمبود هورمون رشد، کم کاری غده تیروئید و یا اختلالات متابولیسم کلسیم و فسفر رخ خواهد داد. بزرگی رشد انتهایها، چانه، بینی و پیشانی به نفع بیماری آکرومگالی و عدم تناسب رشد تنه به اندام‌ها نشانه‌ای از دیس‌ترنزی‌های استخوانی، دیس‌ترنزی‌های گنادال و هیپوپاراتیروئیدیسم کاذب می‌باشد، به علاوه درد در لمس استخوان‌ها و به خصوص فقرات کمری و لگن می‌تواند نشانه‌ای از استئومالاسی باشد.